

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-22.

The following is a list of remaining original claims.

22.    **(Original)** A method of finishing an inherently flame resistant fabric comprising:
- forming a fabric of inherently flame resistant fibers,
- saturating the fabric with a composition containing a fluorochemical and one or more of an antimicrobial agent, a flame retardant, a fluid repellent agent and a soil repellent agent, drying the fabric.
23.    **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 22 further comprising testing the fabric and determining that the fabric passes the standard method NFPA 701 – 1996 edition testing protocol.
24.    **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 22 wherein saturating is accomplished by padding.
25.    **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 22 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the flame retardant is a phosphonate.

26. **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 22 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the flame retardant is a cyclic phosphonate.

27. **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 22 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the flame retardant is Flame Retardant 50.

28. **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 22 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the flame retardant comprises between about 2 % and 10 % by weight of the composition.

29. **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 22 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the flame retardant comprises about 4.8 % by weight of the composition.

30. **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 22 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the antimicrobial agent is a molecularly bound antimicrobial agent.

31. **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 22 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the antimicrobial agent is an organosilane.

32. **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 22 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the antimicrobial agent is AEM 5700™.

33. **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 22 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the antimicrobial agent comprises between about 0.2 % and 2.0 % by weight of the composition.

34. **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 22 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the antimicrobial agent comprises about 0.48 % by weight of the composition.

35. **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 22 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the fluid repellant is also a soil repellant.

36. **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 22 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the fluid repellant is a fluorochemical.

37. **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 22 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the fluid repellant is ZONYL 7040™.

38. **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 22 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the fluid repellant comprises between about 2

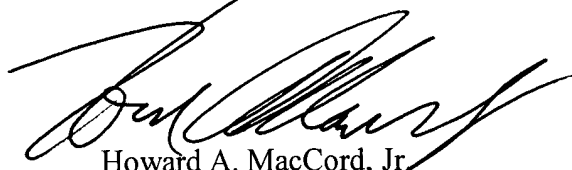
% and 10 % by weight of the composition.

39.     **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 22 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the fluid repellant comprises about 3.6 % by weight of the composition.

40.     **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 22 wherein forming includes fabric formation from Trevira CS fibers.

41.     **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 22 wherein forming includes fabric formation from AVORA <sup>TM</sup> fibers.

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